



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group (TBDWG) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public via webcast. For this meeting, the TBDWG will review the progress of the Working Group.

DATES: The public can view the meeting online via webcast on December 7, 2022 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET (times are tentative and subject to change) each day.

The confirmed times and agenda items for the meeting will be posted on the TBDWG webpage at <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2022-12-07/index.html> when this information becomes available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Berger, Designated Federal Officer for the TBDWG; Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Rockville, MD, 20852. Email: tickbornedisease@hhs.gov. Phone: 202-795-7608.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A link to view the webcast can be found on the meeting website at <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2022-12-07/index.html> when it becomes available. The public will have an opportunity to present their views to the TBDWG orally during the meeting's public comment session or by submitting a written public comment. Comments should be pertinent to the meeting discussion. Persons who wish to provide verbal or written public comment should review instructions at <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory->

[committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2022-12-07/index.html](https://www.fda.gov/committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2022-12-07/index.html) and respond by midnight

November 29, 2022 ET. Verbal comments will be limited to three minutes each to accommodate as many speakers as possible during the 30-minute session. Written public comments will be accessible to the public on the TBDWG webpage prior to the meeting.

Background and Authority: The Tick-Borne Disease Working Group was established on August 10, 2017, in accordance with section 2062 of the 21st Century Cures Act, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., as amended, to provide expertise and review federal efforts related to all tick-borne diseases, to help ensure interagency coordination and minimize overlap, and to examine research priorities. The TBDWG is required to submit a report to the HHS Secretary and Congress on their findings and any recommendations for the federal response to tick-borne disease every two years.

Dated: September 8, 2022.

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